



Saint Catherine of Genoa R. C. Church

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PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of St. Catherine of Genoa parish, “Home of Faith Away From Home”, is to carry out evangelization, to help each and everyone to know and live God’s love in faith and hope, according to the teaching of the Catholic Church.

OFFICE HOURS

Weekdays 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Saturday 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM

Sundays & Holidays by appointment only.

PARISH STAFF

Pastor - Rev. Raphael Munday Kukana

Parochial Vicar - Rev. Peter Mawusi

Secretary - Mrs. Bernadette Johannes

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EUCHARISTIC LITURGIES

Weekends: Saturday: 5:00 PM (*English*)

Sunday: 8:00 AM & 11:00 AM (*English*)

1:00 PM (*French & Kreyol*),

5:00 PM (*Twi*)

Weekdays: Monday-Saturday 9:00 AM

Holy Days: 9:00 AM & 7:30 PM (*English-French*)

Catholic Cemeteries: for information and availability
please call (718) 894-4888.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP:

Catholics should be officially registered in a Parish. Call the Rectory to register and use the offering envelopes as a sign of your commitment.

PARISH WEBSITE:

<https://stcatherinegenoabrooklyn.com>

See what’s new and get the information you may need.



SACRAMENTS: are celebrations of the faith community. It is important that our members be registered and participate fully and regularly in the sacramental life of the parish.

R.C.I.A. is the Adult Preparation for Sacraments. For more information please call the Rectory (718) 282-7162.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:
(**CONFESSION**) Saturday at 4:00 PM or by Appointment.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY:

Marriage arrangements must be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Please contact the rectory for complete information about marriage preparation in the Diocese.

BAPTISM: is celebrated every 3rd Saturday of the month at 2:30 PM. Baptism Class is offered on the 2nd Saturday of the month for parents and godparents in the rectory basement at 12 Noon. Please call the rectory to register for baptism.

December 24, 2023 - Fourth Sunday of Advent- Year B

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23



9:00 AM In thanksgiving Magarette Desir
9:00 AM Carlos Lazarus (d) — Friends of St. Catherine
5:00 PM Carlos Lazarus (d) — Carmen Maquilon & family
5:00 PM Carlos Lazarus (d) — Trudy Quinn & family
5:00 PM Carlos Lazarus (d), George Baxter (d),
Adaina Baxter (d) — Doris St. Rose

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 24

8:00 AM B.B. Laura & B.B. Veronica Antoine — the family
8:00 AM B.B. & spiritual healing of Melissa Alexander —
Maria Alexander
8:00 AM For God's continued blessings on Marie Martin
— Corine Liverpool
8:00 AM Emmanuel Stewart (d) — family
11:00 AM PEOPLE OF THE PARISH
1:00 PM Healing of Marjorie Decius, Claude Zamor &
André Michel — Fila Dubuisson
5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate
10:00 PM CHRISTMAS EVE MASS

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY

11:00 AM Healing Sr. Irma Symby
11:00 AM Cletus Elliott (d) — Deborah Caleb
1:00 PM French/Kreyol

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

9:00 AM James B & Margaret Noone — Msgr. Kevin B. Noone
9:00 AM B.B. Jean Arthur Alcide — Irene Chevrin
9:00 AM For God's many blessings — Doris St. Rose

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 27

9:00 AM

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 28

9:00 AM B.B. Marie Viergeleine Aubry — Marie Marthe Aubry

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 29

9:00 AM Roy Luciano Baxter (d) — the family

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

9:00 AM
5:00 PM In thanksgiving to God for his many blessings —
Doris St. Rose

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31

8:00 AM B.B. Alycia Antoine — Veronica Antoine
8:00 AM Marie Martin for God's blessings —
Connie Liverpool
11:00 AM Consuelo Tomlinson (d) - Friends of St. Catherine
5:00 PM Ghanaian Apostolate
**10:00 PM New Year's EVE MASS — People of the Parish
followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until mid-
night.**



Mass	#	December 16th & 17th		Amount \$
Saturday	34	5:00 PM	ENGLISH	660.00
Sunday	64	8:00 AM	ENGLISH	824.00
	54	11:00 AM	ENGLISH	444.00
	47	1:00 PM	KREYOL	438.00
	26	5:00 PM	TWI	327.00
			Mail-In	695.00
TOTAL	225			\$3,388.00

Please remember that our parish needs your weekly support. **Our weekly expenses goal is \$5,432.00.** You may mail-in, give online or drop-off your contributions at the rectory. Thank you for your generous support.



Sunday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16;
Ps 89:2-5, 27-29; Rom 16:25-27;
Lk 1:26-38

Monday: Vigil of the Nativity of the
Lord: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17,
27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
Dawn: Is 62:11-12; Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12; Ti 3:4-7; Lk 2:15-20
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14

Tuesday *St. Stephen, the First Martyr*: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59;
Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc-17; Mt 10:17-22

Wednesday *St. John, Apostle, Evangelist*: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8

Thursday *The Holy Innocents, Martyrs*:
1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7b-8; Mt 2:13-18

Friday: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Ps 96:1-3, 5b-6; Lk 2:22-35

Saturday: 1 Jn 2:12-17; Ps 96:7-10; Lk 2:36-40

Next Week: The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph:

Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3; Ps 105:1-6, 8-9; Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19;
Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

From the Pastor's Desk

This is the last Sunday of the season of Advent, which is the season of waiting. The liturgical calendar this year is such that in the morning we celebrate the last Sunday of Advent and in the evening we celebrate the solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord.

The Gospel of this Sunday gives us the account of the annunciation, in which the archangel Gabriel announces to Mary that she will become the mother of the Savior. Mary accepts with great humility, and because of her cooperation to the will of God, the Son of God has entered human history and becomes like us in everything except sin. We owe a great deal of gratitude to our Blessed Mother for her “yes” to the Lord and for accepting that the will of God may be done in her life.

The words of the archangel Gabriel to Mary become the fulfillment of the promises of God to David in the first reading. God said to king David, “I will raise up your heir after you, sprung from your loins, and I will make his kingdom firm. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. Your house and your kingdom shall endure forever before me; your throne shall stand firm forever” (2Sam. 7:12-14a,16). This promise is fulfilled when the archangel announces to Mary: “Behold, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall name him Jesus. He will be great and will be called Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give him the throne of David his father, and he will rule over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end” (Luke 1:31-33).

The Son of God who is to be born in our midst comes to establish God’s Kingdom that will never end. We are part of that Kingdom, and we rejoice that God’s promises are fulfilled for our salvation. In the evening, we celebrate the birth of Christ, the Son of God, and this is great news for the whole world as the angel announced it to the shepherds when the Lord Jesus was born. The angel appeared to the shepherds in the field and said to them: “Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people” (Luke 2:10). It is clear that the birth of Christ is not only for Christians, but it is an event that has changed the whole world, because God has come to visit the whole world and to offer his salvation to all. It is our duty as Christians to show to the world that Christ is the “reason for the season.”

The Good News, the Gospel, that was first proclaimed to the shepherds, need to continue to be proclaimed in our world today. The world, with its problems and difficulties and challenges, needs to hear the Good News, and that Good News is Christ. Blessed Christmas to all!

Fr. Raphael Munday
Pastor

Clarification about the blessing of couples in irregular situations and homosexual couples

We all have heard news of the new document (Fiducia Supplicans – on the Pastoral meaning of blessings) issued by the Vatican, opening the possibility for the Church to bless couples in irregular situations and homosexual couples. The media has interpreted this document in every direction, creating more confusion in the minds of many Catholics and people of goodwill. Some have asked if the Church has now changed its teaching on marriage, and have recognized homosexual unions. The following is the statement by the United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: “The Declaration issued (today) by the Vatican’s Dicastery for the Doctrine of the Faith (DDF) articulated a distinction between liturgical (sacramental) blessings, and pastoral blessings, which may be given to persons who desire God’s loving grace in their lives. The Church’s teaching on marriage has not changed, and this declaration affirms that, while also making an effort to accompany people through the imparting of pastoral blessings because each of us needs God’s healing love and mercy in our lives.”

A few memories of the evening



Thank you to everyone who helped with the planning of the Parish's Annual Christmas Dinner – Dance 2023. The evening was full of fun, laughter and reminiscing. The food was good, the music just as good and the company even better.

Thank you everyone for your great work in making this event memorable and for your donations of time, talent and treasure!

4e Dimanche de l'Avent – Année B

Chers frères et sœurs,

Nous célébrons le dernier Dimanche de l'Avent qui est la saison liturgique de l'attente. Le calendrier liturgique cette année est tel que le matin nous célébrons le dernier Dimanche de l'Avent et le soir nous célébrons la solennité de la Nativité de notre Seigneur.

L'évangile de ce Dimanche nous parle de l'annonciation, lorsque l'archange Gabriel annonce à Marie qu'elle sera la mère du Seigneur. Marie accepte avec beaucoup d'humilité, et à cause de son acceptation de la volonté de Dieu, le Fils de Dieu est entré dans l'histoire humaine et devient homme comme nous en toutes choses, excepté le péché. Nous devons être reconnaissant à Notre Dame pour son « oui » au Seigneur et pour avoir accepté que la volonté de Dieu se réalise dans sa vie. Les mots de l'archange à Marie deviennent l'accomplissement des promesses de Dieu à David que nous avons entendues dans la première lecture. Dieu a dit au roi David : « Je te susciterai dans ta descendance un successeur, qui naîtra de toi, et je rendrai stable sa royauté. Moi, je serai pour lui un père ; et lui sera pour moi un fils. Ta maison et ta royauté subsisteront toujours devant moi, ton trône sera stable pour toujours » (2Sam. 7 :12-14a,16).

Cette promesse s'accomplit lorsque l'archange annonce à Marie : « Voici que tu vas concevoir et enfanter un fils ; tu lui donneras le nom de Jésus. Il sera grand, il sera appelé Fils du Très-Haut ; le Seigneur Dieu lui donnera le trône de David son père ; il régnera pour toujours sur la maison de Jacob, et son règne n'aura pas de fin » (Luc 1 :31-33). Le Fils de Dieu qui vient naître au milieu de nous, il vient établir le Royaume de Dieu qui n'aura pas de fin. Nous faisons parti du Royaume de Dieu, et nous nous réjouissons que les promesses de Dieu sont accomplies pour notre salut.

Le soir de ce Dimanche, nous célébrerons la naissance du Christ, le Fils de Dieu, et ceci est une bonne nouvelle pour le monde entier comme l'ange l'avait annoncé aux bergers à la naissance de Jésus. L'ange apparut aux bergers qui gardaient leurs troupeaux et leur dit : « Ne craignez pas, car voici que je vous annonce une bonne nouvelle, qui sera une grande joie pour tout le peuple » (Luc 2 :10). Il est clair que la naissance de notre Seigneur Jésus Christ n'est pas seulement pour les Chrétiens, mais c'est un événement qui a changé le monde entier, parce que Dieu vient visiter toute l'humanité et offrir son salut à tous. Il est de notre devoir comme chrétiens de montrer au monde que le Christ est la « principale raison pour cette saison. »

La Bonne Nouvelle, l'Évangile, qui était d'abord proclamée aux bergers, doit être proclamée dans le monde d'aujourd'hui. Le monde, avec ses problèmes, ses difficultés, et ses défis, a besoin de la Bonne Nouvelle. Et cette Bonne Nouvelle c'est le Christ. Joyeux Noël à tous !

Père Raphaël Munday
Curé

Clarification sur la bénédiction des couples en situation irrégulière et des couples homosexuels

Nous avons tous suivi la publication d'un nouveau document (Fiducia Supplicans – sur la signification pastorale des bénédictions) par le Vatican, ouvrant la possibilité pour l'Église de bénir les couples en situations irrégulières et les couples homosexuels. Les médias ont interprété le document dans tous les sens, créant plus de confusion dans les esprits des Catholiques et des personnes de bonne volonté. Certains se demandent si l'Église a changé sa doctrine sur le mariage, et si l'Église reconnaît désormais les unions homosexuelles. Voici le communiqué de la Conférence Episcopale des Evêques Catholiques des États-Unis : « La Déclaration publiée (aujourd'hui) par le Dicastère pour la Doctrine de la Foi du Vatican (DDF) a établi une distinction entre les bénédictions liturgiques (sacramentelles) et les bénédictions pastorales, qui peuvent être données à toutes personnes qui désirent la grâce de Dieu dans leurs vies. L'enseignement de l'Église sur le mariage n'a pas changé, et cette déclaration l'affirme, et en même temps elle fait un effort d'accompagner les gens en donnant les bénédictions pastorales parce que chacun de nous a besoin de l'amour réconfortant de Dieu et de sa miséricorde dans nos vies. »



SEASONAL MASS SCHEDULE

12/24/23	10:00 PM	Christmas Eve (Trilingual)
12/25/23	11:00 AM	Christmas Day (English)
12/25/23	1:00 PM	Christmas Day (French/Kreyol)
12/31/23	10:00 PM	New Year's Eve (Trilingual) <i>Followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament until midnight.</i>
1/1/2024	11:00 AM	New Year's Day (English)

Please note outside of these dates our weekly Mass schedules remain unchanged.

Please Pray For The Sick

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Viewing and Funeral Service for **Mrs. Consuelo Tomlinson** will take place at Lawrence H. Woodward Funeral Home 1 Troy Ave, Brooklyn, NY 11213 on **Wednesday, January 3, 2024** from **3:00pm - 6:00pm**

We pray for the repose of her soul and for the consolation of her family.



Annual Catholic Appeal 2023
DIOCESE OF BROOKLYN

Parish Goal: \$46,139.00

Pledged: 42,990.50 Paid: \$33,610.50

Thank You!

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Memorialize your loved one (s) in our Tree of Life

Inscription reads: “ *In loving memory of* (name of loved one)
donated by (person/family/organization/society).

Donations for the various items:

Leaf (\$500). Acorns (\$750), Stones (\$850) or mini-tree (\$1000).

Payments can be made in installments.

Please call or stop by the office to make your reservation. You may also fill out a form and place it in the collection basket with your payment at the weekend Mass you attend.

PARISH ACTIVITIES

Sunday

10:00 AM Grenadian Society - Dec 24

3:00 PM French Legion of Mary - Weekly

Thursday

10:30 AM **PANTRY** - Dec 28, Jan 11

8:00 PM HOLY HOUR – Church

Pope Francis has designated this year to Parish Eucharistic Revival. Come recover a sense of awe and adoration before the Eucharist, adore Jesus’ real presence.

Friday

7:00 PM French Choir – Church

Saturday

10:00 AM Girl Scouts – Weekly Meeting Jan 13

5:00 PM St. Theresa of the Child Jesus – Dec 30

UPCOMING EVENTS

1. The second collection on Christmas day will be for Catholic Charities, please be generous. Thank you.

Thank You

For the donations of the refrigerator, microwave, clock and the monetary donations already received towards the purchase of Chairs and Tables for our Parish Hall. **We thank you!**

Parishioners who would also like to sponsor a chair or table are invited to do so.

Donation: Chair \$50

Table \$175

DINNER/DANCE RAFFLE



1st Prize: Saul Decoteau

2nd Prize: Emerald Alexander

3rd Prize: Camlyn John

PARISH REGISTRATION

All parishioners are encouraged to register. We are only able to give recommendations to those who are registered for at least **6 MONTHS**. Please register (or update your information if you have recently moved or gotten married) with the form below. Place the form in the collection basket or drop off at the rectory. We will send you weekly collection envelopes every two months.

Family Name: _____

Head of Household: _____

Spouse: _____

Address: _____

Apartment# _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email Address: _____

New Registration Moving Out of the Parish

Change of Name: _____

New Address: _____

Apartment # _____ Zip Code: _____



The Girl Scouts meet at
St. Catherine of Genoa
on **Saturdays at 10am in**
the newly renovated
Parish Hall.

Please contact Mrs. Alistine Aikins at
(718) 346-1923.

Ages :Girls Kindergarten to 12th grade

BISHOP'S PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

*(Composed by
The Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan)*

Almighty God, we turn to you at this hour with all our hearts. Hear our prayer as we ask for an increase of vocations to the Priesthood, Diaconate, and Religious Life to serve your Church in Brooklyn and Queens.

May we always have the ministers we need to stand at Your Altars, administer Your Sacraments, and lead Your people on the path to Heaven.

We pray that we will always be attentive to Your Call and that if today we hear Your Voice, we may not harden our hearts; rather, that we have the courage to respond with generosity. *Amen*

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